

# SIGN REGULATIONS FOR PARKWAYS KNOW THE CODE

## What is the parkway?

- The parkway is the area located between the curb of the street and the sidewalk, if there is no sidewalk then the area between the curb and the property line. If there is no curb, then the area nearest edge of street paving. *Remember, the street median is not the parkway. Signs are not permitted on street medians.*

## What type of sign can be placed on the city parkway?

A sign placed on the parkway must:

- Be portable and either a single panel style sign or have two connected single panels, commonly referred to as "A-frame" or "tent" style;
- Have a frame constructed entirely of wood and/or metal enclosing the sign panel(s). *Please note: Non-commercial signs, such as political signs, are exempt from this requirement;*
- The face of the sign must be constructed entirely out of wood, metal, plastic or hardboard material;
- The sign area must be no greater than 9 square feet, and must not exceed 36 inches in any direction;
- Be freestanding without requiring staking into the ground;
- Not include any lighting.

## What is a non-commercial sign/message:

- Sign with non-commercial messages commonly concern religion, politics, social commentary and other matters of public debate. *Contrast: Commercial message.*

## Do I need a permit to place a sign on the parkway?

- No. Permits are not required but the sign must be constructed as required under the city code.

## Once I place a sign on a city parkway, can I leave the sign up permanently?

- No, the city code only allows a garage/yard sign to be displayed between the hours 6:00 AM and 8:00 PM. The sign must be taken down on a daily basis.

## What will happen if I place a sign on city property, other than the parkway, or if I forget to take the sign down during 8:00 PM to 6:00 AM?

- The Code Compliance Division of the Environmental Services Department will remove signs in violation of the code.

## What happens to signs that are picked up by the City?

- Signs in violation of the city code will be removed and disposed of by the city's Environmental Services Department.

## Can I be fined if I do not comply with the city code for signs in parkways?

- Yes, you can be cited and potentially fined for a violation of the city code. Additionally, under the code the sign owner shall be responsible for all claims, causes of action liability, damages and/or expenses for any damage to or loss of any property, or any injury to any person, resulting from use of the City right of way.

## Where can I learn more about regulations for the signs in parkways?

- The City of El Paso code are available online at [www.elpasotexas.gov/onlineservices.php](http://www.elpasotexas.gov/onlineservices.php) the information related to signs in parkways is located under 15.08.120.



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